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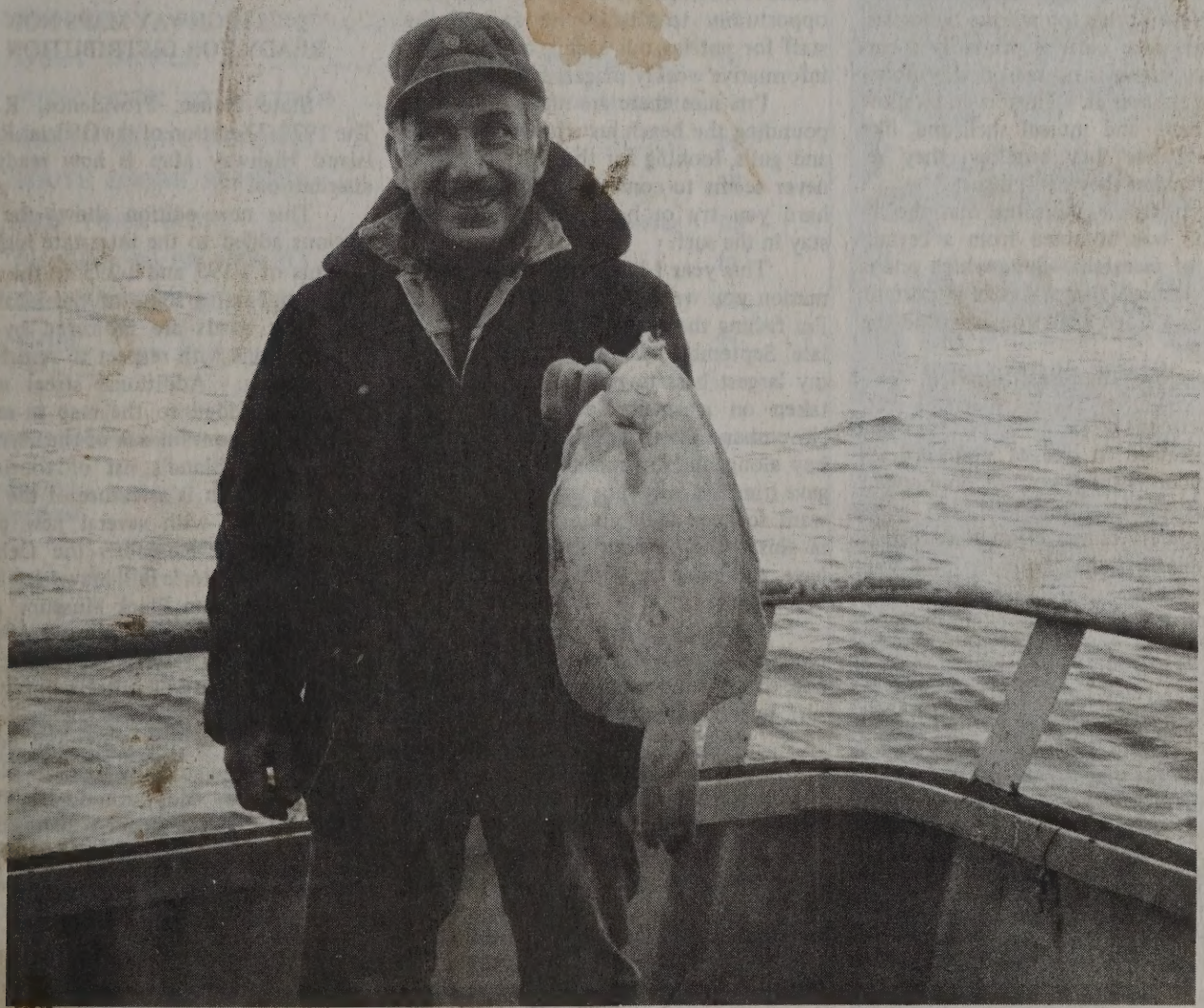

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CHUM LINES

Dear Rich,

In the March 30 issue of L.I.F. Fred Guardineer indicated that - "Research on flounders and other fish show that kernels of corn chum are fatal to them. Corn attracts fish but clogs their intestinal tracts."

Now - From an article written by Al Ristori in the March, 1970 issue of Salt Water Sportsman, I would like to quote a particular paragraph. "With corn chumming came some unusual problems. Rumors spread that flounders were unable to digest the kernels and, as a result, were dying in droves. Fortunately, there is no present scientific evidence to confirm this. Dick Schaefer, one of New York's top marine biologists, feels that since corn is primarily a carbohydrate, there is no reason why flounders can't digest it. They even swallow bits of clam and mussel shell and, like everything else they swallow, they regurgiatate what they can't digest."

Each article indicates that the information was obtained from a certain amount of research. But - which one is correct? I believe that this is an important matter, and hope that you can find the answer.

Gerald Gruber, East Norwich

L.I. Fisherman,

I noticed in one of your articles on flounder fishing you recommended the use of corn as chum.

Some fishermen claim that corn is indigestable by the flounder and will cause his death.

Any comments from our readers?

Charle Heilemann, Bronx, N.Y.

We have contacted several marine scientists through the years and have come up with only one answer - No scientific evidence has been found which proves that corn is bad for flounders.

Dear Rich,

We recently received the attached letter and a $12.00 check from Don Siano, the fellow who won a few of your weekly fishing contests, as well as your first monthly one.

I'm sure your readers will agree from his letter that Mr. Siano is not only a great fisherman, but also quite a sportsman.

Bob Schavel, Corresponding Sec't.
Save Our Stripers, Inc.

Dear S.O.S.,

"I have just won a number of cash prizes in L.I.F.'s weekly fishing contests. I feel that it is only proper to give a portion of that prize money to an organization that is doing something for fishing.

"Please accept one of the weekly checks I have received. I have endorsed it to S.O.S. I know you will keep up the fight in doing something to preserve striped bass fishing so that there may be enough stripers around for my son to catch."

Don Siano, Yonkers, N.Y.

Dear Mr. Guaglianone,

Being a new subscriber to the Long Island Fisherman, I'd like to take this opportunity to thank you and all the staff for putting out such a compact and informative weekly magazine.

I'm sure there are many fishermen pounding the beach just chasing the terns and gulls, looking for that BIG bass that never seems to come by, no matter how hard you try or how early or late you stay in the surf.

This year I hope with all the information you write about to benefit by it. I'm fishing the surf for seven years, from late September to late November, and my largest bass to date is an 8 pounder, taken on a small Rebel at dusk last November. On that trip, I had my oldest boy along, and I'm sure the bass I caught, gave him the influence any parent would want to keep their youngsters interested in this great outdoor sport. I hope to have the same luck this year with my other 3 sons.

Although I never knew the complexities of bass fishing and how much one should know about it, some of us surf nuts really don't have time to fish all the areas you write about, this is why I'm writing this letter.

I want to say thanks to you, Al Reinfelder, Vlad Evanoff and all the staff for a great weekly magazine, with all the knowledge and years of experience you people have and the fact that you are willing to share it with all that read it.

Harry F. Roca, Rosedale, N.Y.

P.S. - Hope you land that 50 pounder this year!

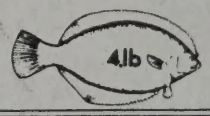
FRONT PAGE PHOTO

The snowshoe flounder fishing is excellent at Montauk right now. Photo courtesy of the Viking Fleet.

FISH OF THE WEEK

CONTEST WINNER

The winner of this week's contest is Dick Ryan. Dick caught a whopping 4 lb. even flounder at Promised Land while fishing aboard David Greene's "Pooka." The flattie was 19 3/8" long with a 8 1/8" girth. Congratualtions, Dick, your $12. is on the way. You have also become eligible for our monthly drawing for April and also for the year end grand prize.



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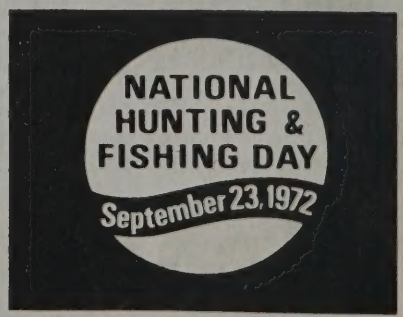
State House, Providence, R.I.— The 1972-73 edition of the Official Rhode Island Highway Map is now ready for distribution.

This new edition shows the new sections added to the interstate highway systems of I-195 and I-295 in the state. Improvements in some of the local city and town roads are indicated by new classifications with respect to resurfacing or widening. Additional street names have been added to the map in several areas for the convenience of the user.

Rhode Island's list of tourist attractions, which is a feature of the map, has expanded with several new places being added. Rosecliff, the Oelrich's mansion, the historic Bull-Mawdsley House and the Mt. Zion Black Museum, all in Newport, and the Lisle House Museum on Post Road in Warwick are among newcomers to the list of outstanding places to see and enjoy.

A copy of the map may be obtained, free of charge, by writing: Rhode Island Highway Map, Rhode Island Development Council, Roger Williams Bldg., Hayes Street, Providence R.I. 02908 or calling (401) 277-2611.



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As early as Friday, open and charter boats sailing from Sheepshead Bay were catching mackerel off of Manasquan, N.J. These fish were reportedly being caught by anglers in the Sag Harbor area. By the time this publication hits the newsstands, these fish should be in, in force on both the South and North shores of Long Island.

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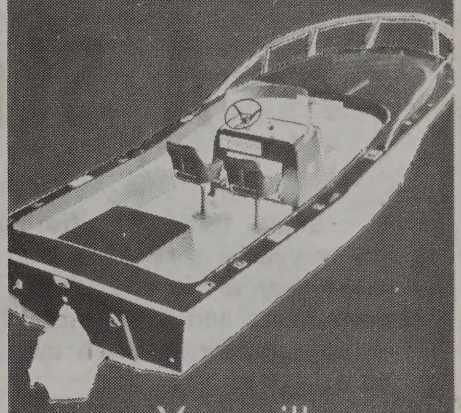

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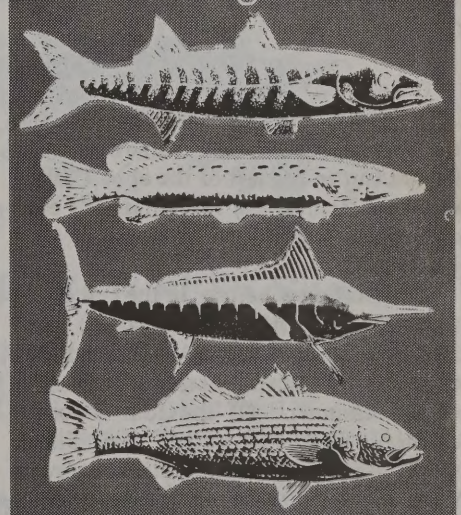

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You've Never Caught A Striper?

Some fishermen, fishing five, ten, seventeen years, thirty years - they insist that stripers are easy to catch and what they say is true. Other fishermen, fishing a long time from shore and boats, note that stripers are cagy, cautious, finicky, harder to catch than blues; and I agree with them too.

By Vince Guaglianone

It was the hour near sunrise, and the swirling tide of the narrow channel flowed out in the last of the ebb. Casting was now from at the very channel's edge and if you stepped in: it would be over your head . . .

Two hours before, in the full starry night as the rushing tide began to slow, four of us started getting bass; four, out of at least thirteen casters on both sides of the channel. Of the four schoolie-catchers, three had casted their 5-inch sinker Rebels upstream, retrieving swift immediately to make the line taut. Then quickly the strong outflow put the lure downstream of our standing. A slow, slow retrieve worked; retrieving through the circular currents caused by the tide's running into rockpile-points and submerged sandbars. These rip-currents were downstream from our standing. Had we casted to the rips directly, the fierce ebb would have put the lures immediately further downstream, out of the rips, and alongshore. We had to let the ebb take the lure into the rips: therefore we stood upstream of the rip-causes. And since the water is twenty feet deep and so strong, we even casted further upstream so that the sinker-model would drop down in the three seconds before the ebb brought it straight in front of us, while our retrieve effected a taut line. Maybe eight to ten seconds more remained for retrieving through the ferocious outflow. Then you were either alongshore near the next man's standing, or into a fish just as you got through the rip's shore-side edge. This short-line hooking meant a tremendous impact and, in that current, great sport. (Ah ha! THIS one MUST be 18 pounds . . . oh, 10 pounds at least . . . . Ah, 8?") The largest was a 7 pounder. Now this bass action for three of us one side and one rodman on the channel's other side, stopped the hour of dawn . . . .

As from a great surge now big clouds of bait poured out helplessly during this last of the ebb. In the grey light, one rodman discerned a terrific commotion on the water's surface across the channel. Snapping, crackling and popping like a giant bowl of Rice Crispies were the baby moss bunkers by the Smithtown Spit. Then, roiled water: a great lashing. Now everyone's reel was humming. Not just four of us; not just three on our side and one across the channel. Everyone took fish now, and lines were crossed and some tempers also. "SOME GUYS . . . SHOULDN'T . . . even be . . .ALLOWED . . . ON THE BEACH," yelled a rather notoriously grouchy veteran (not me) whose line and fish were tangled with a neophyte's . . . Thusly, the red sun's rim rose on a bluefish invasion. Anywhere you casted. When you got no hits out amid the channel, you often saw your lure reaching the edge by your feet and - Shhplat! - a bluefish was on and heading for Crane Neck Point . . . Only 3 and 4 pounders. But they hit the Rebels and we left these in their faces and snapped on poppers. They fractured the poppers. The spooks. The pencils. Anything. Anyway you retrieved. Fun. For everybody.

In the morning sunshine those other stripers lay on the sloping gravel of the opposite shore. A caster over there, grinding in another bluefish, made an echoing remark as he eyed the other fellow's bass.

"I've caught plenty of blues, but in eleven years of fishing I never caught a single striper; I never get stripers!"

Several times through the years I've heard such a remark and each time it gives me a jolt. At least once it was a boat fisherman who complained to me about how he always gets bluefish (trolling through Smithtown Bay!) never any bass. Not once! In years!

Some fishermen, fishing five, ten, seventeen years, thirty years - they insist that stripers are easy to catch and what they say is true. Other fishermen fishing a long time from shore and boats, note that stripers are cagy, cautious, finicky, harder to catch than blues; and I agree with them too.

The biggest part of the 'no-stripers' problem is trying to communicate what the problem is. And the only solution to the problem is catching your first bass. Then you kind of 'see' something.

One of the things I've tried to emphasize in my articles, against over-emphasizing 'luck', is how much depends on the fisherman. So I mention Long Island's Serge De Somov, who won the Vineyard Derby, in the surf, four times - including three years in a row! Luck?

Another Long Island sharp fisherman (I think from a boat?) we'll probably

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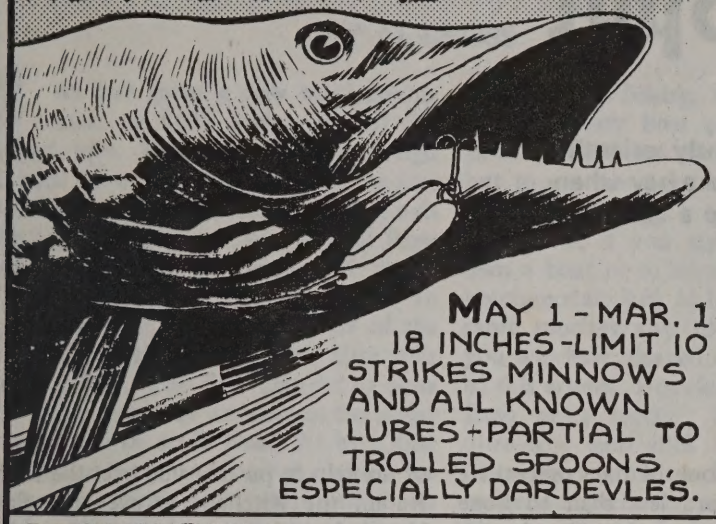
FISH AND GAME THAT BLOOM IN MAY

BY FRED GUARDINEER

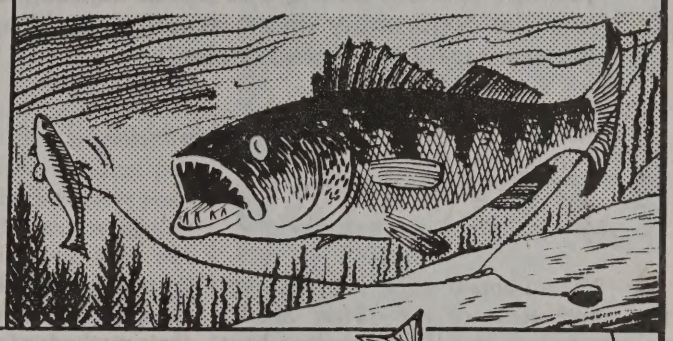
NORTHERN PIKE



MAY 1 - MAR. 1
18 INCHES - LIMIT 10
STRIKES MINNOWS AND ALL KNOWN LURES + PARTIAL TO TROLLED SPOONS, ESPECIALLY DARDEVLES.

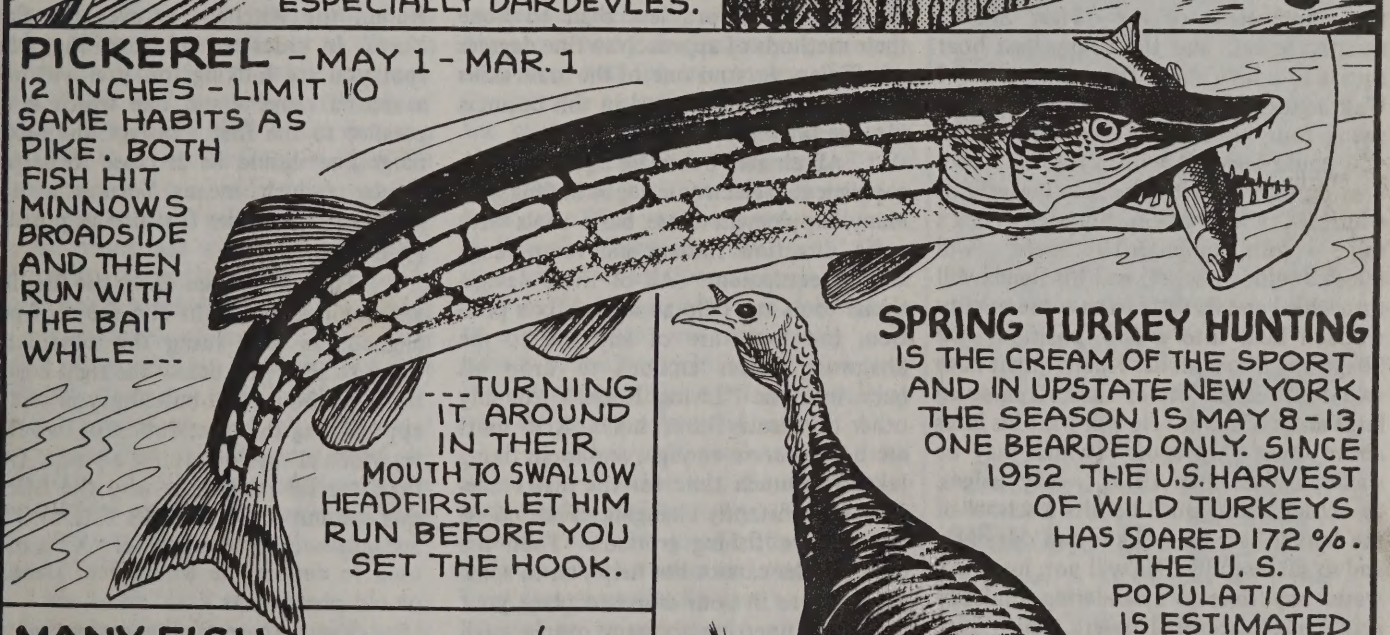
WALL EYED OR PERCH PIKE

HUGS THE ROCKY BOTTOM AND A TROLLED FISH-FINDER RIG IS USED. WHILE THE SINKER DRAGS THE BOTTOM, THE MINNOW RIDES BEHIND SWIMMING ABOVE THE WEEDS... MAY 1 - MAR. 1 - ANY SIZE - LIMIT 10



PICKEREL - MAY 1 - MAR. 1

12 INCHES - LIMIT 10
SAME HABITS AS PIKE. BOTH FISH HIT MINNOWS BROADSIDE AND THEN RUN WITH THE BAIT WHILE...



...TURNING IT AROUND IN THEIR MOUTH TO SWALLOW HEADFIRST. LET HIM RUN BEFORE YOU SET THE HOOK.

SPRING TURKEY HUNTING

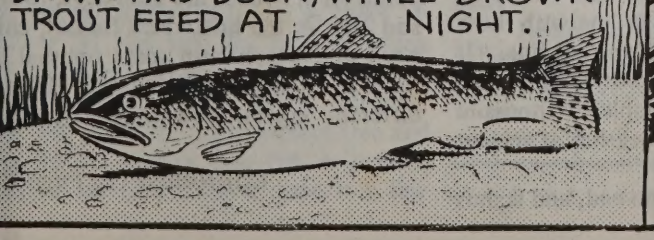
IS THE CREAM OF THE SPORT AND IN UPSTATE NEW YORK THE SEASON IS MAY 8-13, ONE BEARDED ONLY. SINCE 1952 THE U.S. HARVEST OF WILD TURKEYS HAS SOARED 172 %. THE U.S. POPULATION IS ESTIMATED AT 1,250,000 BIRDS.

MANY FISH

MAKE NOISES! WHEN STILL-FISHING, LET THE FIRST ONE YOU CATCH SWIM AROUND UNDER THE BOAT ON A LENGTH OF LINE. IT WILL CALL THE OTHERS

BROOK TROUT

FEED BEST AT DAWN AND DUSK, WHILE BROWN TROUT FEED AT NIGHT.



X Marks The Spot

If you can develop the habit of constantly orienting yourself to shore points, you will be able to make hay whenever the opportunity arises, as well as build up a collection of consistently productive "holes."

By Al Reinfelder

When Captain Nick Kuzin swings the ample stern of the "Tiger Shark" smartly about, and the heavy bass boat squats to a halt above the rushing tide of Washington Shoals, four wire filaments swing four lures into a pocket so small you could cover it with a rug. If heavy bass don't snatch the undulating eels or whirling tubes within minutes, Nick's mind - with computer-like speed - will select another pocket, and his hands will turn wheel and throttle to ease the mighty wooden boat into a new position. On Shagwong Shoal alone, Kuzin might have two dozen small "holes" and six or seven large areas to cover. He will waft his lures above these "hot spots" (which may be rock clusters, kelp fields, sandy ledges, or actual holes) until he hits a school of the lunker bass he looks for so diligently and so successfully. He will not, however, waste any time in meandering aimlessly across the piscatorial desert, which constitutes ninety percent of the inshore bottom - he'll leave that to the tourists who swarm like water-borne parasites in his wake.

If he could, Nick Kuzin would snatch his lures back to the boat and roar to his next position at full throttle. But the long time necessary to retrieve a hundred-and-fifty feet of 40 pound steel line makes it more efficient to leave the lures down and to move as directly and swiftly as this will allow. It always looks as if he is trolling across the reef. But he is actually just running to the next place he wants to fish.

I mention Nick Kuzin because I know him somewhat, and I've watched him fish more than I have other Captains, but his techniques are not radically different from those of the other dozen or so skippers who consistently score with the bulls and cows of the great Montauk pasture lands. None of the competitive skippers can afford less than to hone their methods of approach to fine degrees of efficiency. And one of the main skills which need to be learned in this business is range finding.

All charter boats are equipped with sophisticated electronic depth finding gear. Many supplement these basic tools with radio direction finders and loran range finding equipment. All of these navigational tools can help an angler fix a position, but none are of any use to the Shagwong basser anxious to drop his baits into the "Living Room" - or any other miniature fishin' hole. RDF units are not accurate enough, and loran fixing takes too much time for the instantaneous and constantly changing situations on the inshore fishing grounds. Even the depth finder cannot but help you to some small degree in your desire to place your boat with unerring accuracy over a small patch of productive water.

The ultimate tool for this kind of work is none other than the human eye and it's computer back-up system, the human brain. Only by scanning the shore for those critical line-ups which mark a range can any real accuracy in placement be achieved.

A range is a line of sight which, as is the case of most lines, is determined by two points. What this means is that you know for sure that two points - say the red light at the tip of a jetty, and the peak of the roof on the red house just to the left of the cut in the hill - are on a given line, and you are in line with those two points, you too are on that line. (If you don't believe me, ask Euclid, who proved all of this a couple of thousand years ago on the sandy beaches of ancient Greece.)

But that line has no end, and is thus of no help in putting you over the Living Room, the Kitchen, or even the Back Yard. In order to nail down that exact spot you are looking for, you will need a second range - and one which is not parallet to the first. In fact, the second range line should be as close to perpendicular (which means "makes a right angle with") to the first line as possible. (Ain't math fun!")

Thus, if you run down the first line, keeping the jetty light and the roof peak aligned, as you bring the obstruction buoy to port just below the right edge of the light house out-building you will be approaching the intersection of two ranges, which always determine a point. (And that, careful readers, is why the title of this column is "X MARKS THE SPOT" - and not because the symbol "X" is often used to denote the location of treasure on old pirate maps.)

Visual range finding requires a keen eye, and a remarkable memory. It also takes a lot of practice. Start by tying up to a lobster buoy, or an anchored marker of your own. Select two points on the shore that line up perfectly with each other and are far enough away from each other so that they move out of line as soon as you move the boat. If you have selected well, you will be able to pick the two points out easily from the rest of the shoreline background. Good forward points of reference are houses, roofs, jetty lights, light houses, buoys, and points of land. Good rearward, or distant points of reference are chimneys, towers, and cuts in the hills. Pick houses, chimneys, etc. which have some unusual features to them, such as stripes, birght or different colors, odd shapes, or sizes.

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FRESH WATER ANGLING

BY AL CROSS

We had spent a slow night fishing the waters of Cold Spring Harbor for striped bass. We had been lucky enough to take a few rats, and that, plus the fact that there was an abundance of small bait fish around and an occasional swirl from larger fish, kept us fishing till dawn. Then, just as the rising sun started to spread its first light, the surface of the water round about us became alive with swirling fish. The first thought to cross our minds was that we were in the midst of a school of small bass. We both tied on surface plugs and started to beat the water to a froth with them, but to no avail. After ten minutes or so of that frustration, I decided to switch to a sub-surface lure, and so tied on a Hopkins' Shorty. Two casts later I was fast to a small jet that was heading straight for Connecticut. I was using a light weight, six foot spin stick, and whatever was on the end of my line was putting a healthy bend to it. After a couple of very speedy runs, I finally started to gain some ground on my unknown adversary. Then, after a few more minutes, I swung my first mackerel into the boat. My partner, quick to catch on, tied on a diamond jig and was fast to a fish in a twinkling of an eye. Our fishing continued like that for the rest of the morning. The mackerel were Bostons and ran about one to three pounds each.

By lunch time our arms were too tired to take any more. We had to call it a day, but it certainly had been a good one.

All this had taken place during the early part of May two seasons ago. As I related before these were my first mackerel, but they were not to be my last. Once introduced to these sporty little gamesters, I could immediately see their potential for ultra-light fresh water tackle.

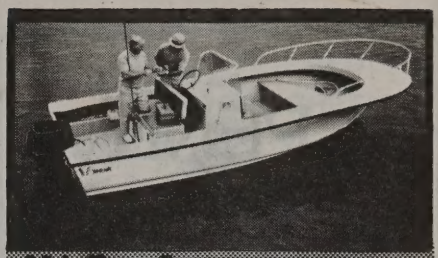
I am familiar with the ordinary way of taking mackerel, particularly aboard the party boats. The rig for it is called a mackerel tree. This is a series of small tubes with a diamond jig at the end. It is generally fished by dropping it to the bottom and jigging it up from there by degrees till you find the level at which the mackerel are hitting. Now this can be fun at times, but, it is too effective. You will often fill the complete tree and that means four or five fish at a time. This to me (and I have done it a few times) is meat fishing. Of course, I realize that the party boat captains want you to catch fish, and the more the merrier, but to me the sport is lost after hauling in the first few rigs.

Now, if you are lucky enough to own a boat or to have a friend who will accommodate you on his, there is a much more sporting way to take mackerel as you will have gleaned from the first part of this article. Hopefully you have some fresh water tackle. A light weight or ultra-light spin stick is your best bet. Since the macks are fish that travel in tremendous schools, and, not unlike the blues, are heavy feeders ripping through schools of bait fish in complete abandon, I've set on a particular way of locating the shcools and then going about the sport of fishing them. This method is to troll the mackerel tree until you get a hook up. Then you cast your small lures. (I find the Sidewinder the best.) Once you have located your school, all you have to do is cast your lure, let it drop to a good depth, and then slowly work it back to the boat with a gigging motion. It rarely makes it back without meeting up with the game you were after.

If, like myself, you work the fresh water as well as the salt, there is another trick you might like to try. This is using your fly rod with some of the new sinking lines on the market and streamer flies. You can generally do just as well with this set up as you would with spinning gear and your fun is increased much more.

If you have been reading the Fisherman regularly this past year, you probably have noted that, although I primarily write a fresh water column, there are occasional times when I do a salt water article. You will also have noted that I've been pushing the idea of using light tackle for catching our salt water gamesters. Now I grant you that you probably won't catch as many fish as some of the meat fishermen, but I'll guarantee you will have a lot more sport. And after all, isn't that why you really go out there?

Remember now, join in our effort to help keep our waters free and running clear, and do your fishing for fun.



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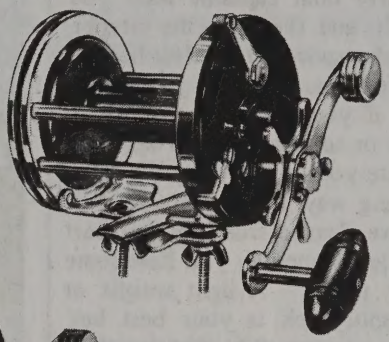

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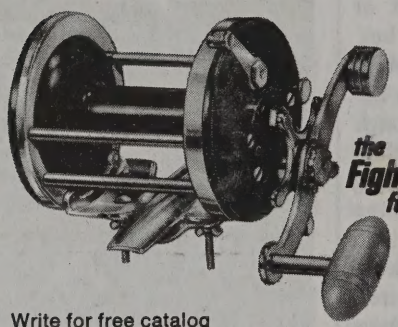

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CLUB NEWS

Eight members of the Tri-County Sportsmens Club made the first flounder fishing trip of the season. They fished on Capt. Ron Schlueter's open boat, the "Martha B," out of Moriches Bay. Only 48 fish were caught, but a good time was had by all. The pool fish of 1 lb. 8 ozs. went to club member, Joe Herman.

X MARKS THE SPOT
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This will help you pick out and remember these points. Give the points names, such as "Red House" or "Peppermint Chimney." If you know the names of the places in question, such as the hospital, or Northport Power House, all the better.

Untie yourself from your temporary mooring and head arbitrarily out to sea. Look around and try to pick out your two points of reference. This should be easily done, or you have not selected wisely. Next, close the gap between the two points by moving your boat. If the two points spread aprt, reverse your course. Once you are on the range (i.e. both points of reference are exactly in line) you should also be in direct line with your marker.

As you sail slowly back to the marker, start scanning the shoreline for your next set of two reference points. This pair of objects should be as far away from the first two as possible. When you are looking directly along your first range, you should have to turn either to the left or right to look along your second range.

Once you have established two ranges head out to sea again and try to get back to the buoy without looking at it at all. If your X position is a lobster marker, you can squat down low enough in the boat so that it disappears from sight. Your efforts to relocate yourself by means of the four points which determine the two ranges which, in turn, determine the X point may seem confusing at first. But it will get you back.

Sometimes just as one pair of points comes together the other pair splits. The easy way to bring a pair of ranges together is to ride up one, while you work on the other. Once you get the hang of this you'll be able to bring the two together at the same time.

When these basic skills are mastered, you will need to develop specific ranges for specific hot spots. This is not easy. The usual way in which people find hot spots is to stumble onto them. When their leisurely troll is interrupted by one or two hard fighting bass, they generally forget all about range finding. Of course, this is what separates the pros from the hooples. The man who can keep his cool just long enough to pick up his four reference points, is the guy who will be able to come back again and again for more of the same action he is then enjoying.

Sometimes a given spot will be hot for just one afternoon. Others will be worth trying every time you are in the area. If you can develop the habit of constantly orienting yourself to shore points, you will be able to make hay whenever the opportunity arises, as well as build up a collection of consistently productive "holes."

Maybe, someday, if you do all these things just right, and if you bother to master the ten dozen other basic skills of the professional bass fisherman, you will be able to pull up next to the "Tiger Shark," point to your overflowing fish box, and yell, "Eat your heart out, Kuzin!"

But, somehow, I'm not too worried about this happening.

YOU'RE THE SOLUTION TO WATER POLLUTION

YOU'VE NEVER CAUGHT A STRIPER

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be hearing about very soon, again, is Tex Andrews. Nearly every spring he weighs in big autumn-size bass. Luck?

I can't say that these results are 'easy," because I've not been able to do as well.

Here's another part. That dawn that I described above: two of the nine anglers who did NOT reach bass, beached no stripers because they were fishing for big stripers. One fellow fished a live eel and the schoolies didn't take it (!) that night. Another fellow was casting a big darter: no schoolies. We four Rebel-workers got the schoolies (I had given up that summer trying to find big bass on the north shore and was ready just for schoolies again), But it wasn't just the Rebels: it mattered also how we worked them; and how we used sinker-models for deep strong water.

But let's deal with that 'bass problem' this way. The first bass I ever caught years ago in the true surf was by accident. Most of a line-up were beaching fish that autumn day, but not I. Then my revolving-spool reel backlashed. I started to pick at the bird's nest on my spool, while gradually stepping backwards out of the wash. That slow. A striper picked up the Kastmaster and ran out, just as I had luckily untangled the line. I got the message . . . THE SLOW RETRIEVE . . .

Bluefish will very often take any retrieve; often a fast retrieve (like the lure was trying to escape); and rarely are bluefish fussy. Yet, there is indeed an art to raising the blues to your plug, when blues are not feeding.

Solving the 'bass problem' is often a matter of sheer discovery. My wife, for example, discovered all on her own one night, that a slow retrieve which included a halt, at every fourth revolution of the reel handle, raised bass. Only when the rest of us did this thing that night, did we also catch fish (of course, halting-the-fourth revolution never worked as well other nights, other spots). One summer I painted my beaten-up Rebels light green, and then I started to catch stripers at night all summer at Fire Island Inlet. (Two years after painting my Rebels green, the Rebel manufacturer came out with green-backed Rebels.)

Gold is a color very much favored by bass. Try spraying some of your favorite big swimmers with gold paint and varnish over with clear boat varnish.

Very important is the action that you give a lure in the water. For stripers there should be no jerky, jolting motion to a swimming plug and even a jig should be jigged with a certain flow or blend with the water's movement. You need to develop a feel for the lures and reading about it will not give you the feel.

All this pertains to the in-general cagey, cautious finickyness of the striped bass. The cool striper does not have those glaring fire-eyes, and that terrible turned-down mouth of the fanged bluefish. Some days, (actually days, not nights), if you drew an elbow-pipe through the water it would get chomped on by a blue. And, yes, one rare, rare day (acutally a day, not a night), I saw a wondrous sight of big striped bass bursting out of Long Island water, smashing at everything that moved (except at the boats!).

Of course, after a while, all this and much more becomes "easy." And sooner or later you'll get "lucky", too. That's what I tell myself regarding 'my' Fifty Pounder. (This year! This year! please . . .)

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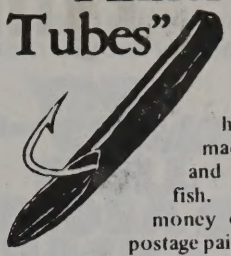

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A three-year hydrographic investigation of navigational hazards, including more than 20 reported sunken wrecks, will be started in April along an 80-mile stretch of Long Island's south shore by the U.S. Department of Commerce.

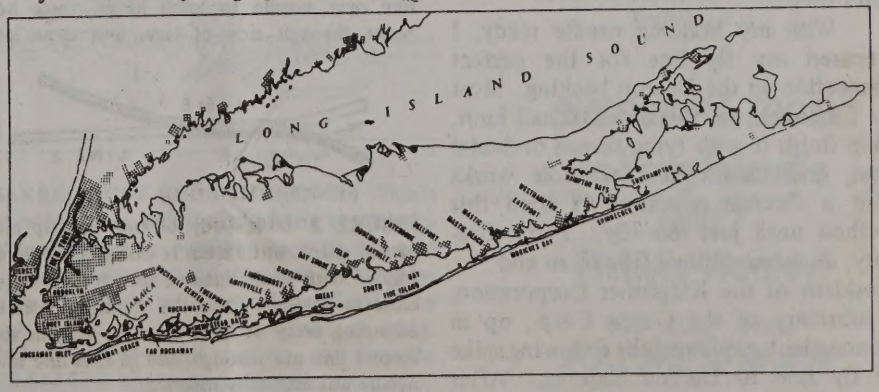
Over 80 navigational features are being investigated between Coney Island and Southampton as part of a long-range program of Commerce's National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration to keep its nautical charts uptodate.

The position of numerous landmarks and underwater hazards along the bays, inlets, creeks and channels of the intracoastal waterway will be verified. The depth and location of such submerged obstructions as wrecks, piles, rocks, and shoals will be determined and ths position of piers, breakwaters, bulkheads, prominent towers or buildings noted.

The extensive project is being carried out by a six-man hydrographic field party of NOAA's National Ocean Survey headed by Lt. George C. Chappell of Gainesville, Fla. The group is equipped with a small launch and modern surveying instruments for the task which will be conducted for about five months this year. The party will be based at the Rockaway Point Coast Guard Station, Fort Tilden, Long Island, N.Y., until late August or early September.

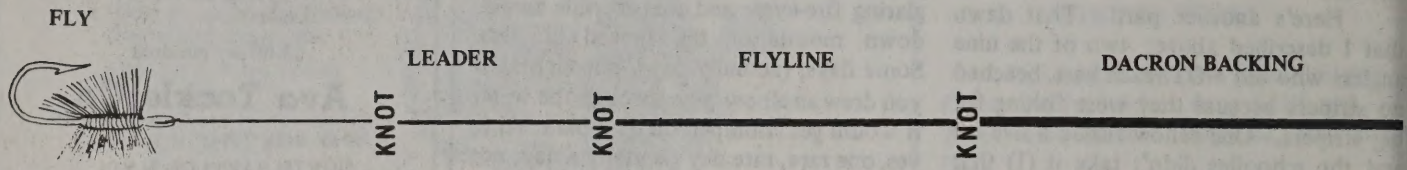
The items requiring investigation were obtained by the National Ocean Survey chart division in Rockville, Md., from government and private sources and through the cooperative charting programs of the U.S. Power Squadrons and the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliaries. They are largely the result of dredging operations, tidal current action and waterfront construction.

Eight nautical charts covering the 80-mile coast will be updated following the survey.



Tying It All Together

By Ray Prescott



OR..... LOADING-UP!

As I cranked the handle on my fly reel and wound on the 150 yards of 20 lb. Dacron, the crisp sound of the click mechanism and the feel of line passing through my fingers told me it was that time of the year again. Being mindful of proper line tension and even placement of the line on the spool, I reflected on the moment.

It was late at night, my wife and daughter had long been asleep. The radio was turned down low and a lone light across the lake, plus a steaming cup of fresh coffee set the mood for tackle preparation. My dog offered no companionship as she lay at my feet, sound asleep, probably dreaming of the last retrieved grouse, which was a cripple and nearly wing-beat her head into a sausage. It was one of the very few times she showed any facial expression on retrieve.

There I sat, quite secure for the moment, my desk cluttered with reels, various lines, spools of different test monofilament for tying leaders, assorted flies; one half tied and drying in the vise. As the last few turns on the reel handle brought the remainder of the Dacron backing, I thought to myself, "Will I really ever need all this line? Probably not, but it's good insurance, and after all, fishermen love to dream, don't they?"

With my braiding needle ready, I prepared my fly line for the perfect connection to the Dacron backing. Most fly fishermen use the standard nail knot, whip finish it with tying thread or dental floss, and then coat the whole works with a flexible adhesive. I used this method until just recently. Frank Gregory, an accomplished fisherman and president of the Kingfisher Corporation, a subsidery of the Garcia Corp., up in Connecticut, explained the following splice of fly line to Dacron backing. After trying it on a few lines, I am convinced it is the most perfect method available, and should replace all other knots.

Take the end of your fly line and place about 4 inches into a bottle of finger nail polish remover. Let it soak about 10 to 15 minutes, or until the finish becomes soft and can be stripped off. Use your finger nails or a dull butter knife. With the remaining nylon core exposed, splice in your braided dacron backing, using the following illustration and directions. The splicing needle accompanies the dacron line when purchased in bulk spools of 500 yards or more. **SEE FOOTNOTE*

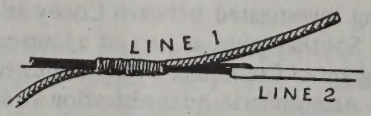


FIGURE 1 Hold line between thumb and forefinger, five or six inches from end. With latch open, insert hook of needle through side of line. Turn needle hook toward end of line and cramp about one inch of line onto needle shank by forcing hollow core of line over needle with thumb and forefinger. Push hook end of needle through side of line to point just beyond latch and twist line about needle shank until open end of hook faces side of line. With latch open, insert hook end of needle into hollow core of second line end. Run second line over needle to latch hinge, force hook point through side of line, and close latch.

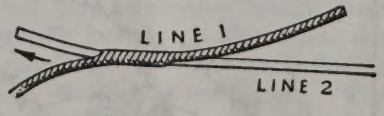


FIGURE 2 Slide body of first line up onto needle shank until latch is closed and line end frays. With small scissors, trim frayed ends as close as possible. Now by pulling needle and cramping body of line, draw an inch or so of second line out through side of first line where needle was originally inserted.

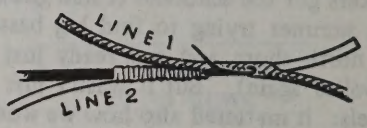


FIGURE 3 Remove needle, reverse position of lines in your hand, and insert hook in side of second line about an inch below junction of lines. Thread second line over needle and force hook through side of line as near junction of lines as possible. Twist needle within line so that hook faces splice.

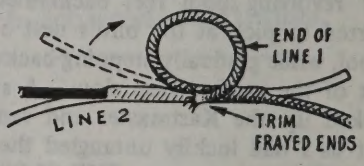


FIGURE 4 With latch open, insert hook end of needle into hollow core of line 1. Close latch and slide body of line 2 over latch until ends of line 1 fray. Trim frayed end close.

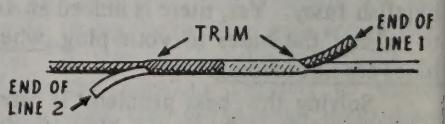


FIGURE 5 Draw line 1 through core of line 2. Trim ends.

You now have a splice as strong as the lines themselves, and stronger and smoother than any other known splice or knot.

With the fly line wound on the reel, the next step calls for connecting the leader to the fly line. I suggest cutting off 2 to 3 feet of fly line before tying on the leader. Every tapered fly line, and in our case we are working with a weight forward WF model, has a level portion, 2 to 3 feet, in front of the taper. This section of level line is useless. Left on the line, it upsets the natural decreasing taper of the fly line and smooth transfer

of power from the fly line to the leader. This design is a carry-over from years ago, when silk fly line manufacturers left 2 to 3 feet of level line in front of the taper to be trimed according to the angler's preference.

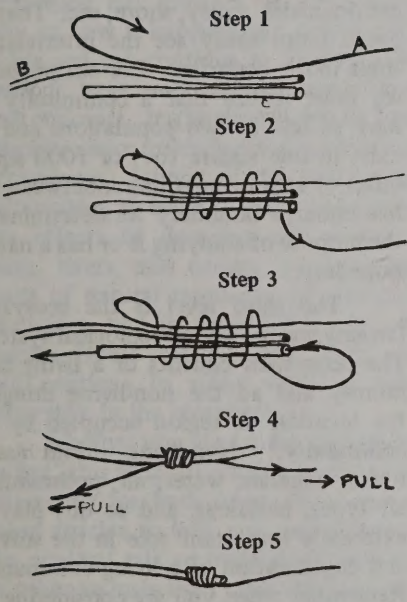
To find exactly where the level line ends and the taper starts, a micrometer will provide the quickest and most accurate method. Another way is simply to run the line between your thumb and forefinger until you feel the difference in thickness. Cut the line at this point.

Using 3 feet of 40 lb. stiff monofilament, tie it onto the fly line by using the following illustrated nail knot.

A - 40 lb. Mono

B - Fly Line

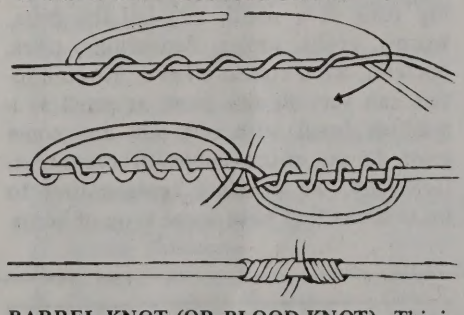
C - Tube



Called the nail knot since originally a nail was used instead of the now preferred tube, empty ball point pen cartridge or surgical needle, this knot will hold well under the most severe strain and constant flexing. The secret, as my experience has proven to me, is to (step 1) keep tension with the thumb and forefinger on all components, and making especially sure (step 2), each coil of mono is placed next to one another. (Step 3) after the mono is passed through the tube, place a little additional pressure on the coils as the tube is removed. With the thumb and forefinger still holding the whole works (step 4), pull on the mono, slightly at first; one end, then the other. You'll feel the coils of mono tightening as you perform this operation. The key here is to make sure the coils stay next to one another. Finally pull hard on both sections of mono and release finger pressure. Examine knot to be sure all coils are nearly in place. Hold the short end of mono with a pair of pliers and long piece with your other hand. Pull hard with both hands! (Step 5) Clip the fly line close to mono, and clip short end of mono close to fly line.

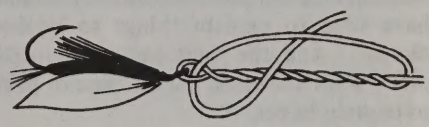
Coat this knot with a pliable adhesive cement called Pliobond, which can be purchased in most hardware stores. Keep coating the knot until you build up a smooth and tapered finish, which if run through the rod guides will not get hung up.

LEADER KNOTS: To the 3 feet of 40 lb. mono, tie 2 feet of 30 lb., and then 1½ feet of 20 lb., using the blood or barrel knot described below.



BARREL KNOT (OR BLOOD KNOT) - This is an outstanding favorite for joining two lengths of monofilament - whether they are the same size or considerably different; as for instance, 20-lb. and 40-lb. test Garcia Super-Platyl. The ends are trimmed to leave no spurs showing. Follow the three steps carefully, and draw the finished knot up slowly and snugly.

LEADER TO FLY KNOT: The time proven, improved clinch knot is the most popular and described below.



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Ecology I

By Tony DiFede

For more than a year now I have been describing numerous species of fish, their habits, feeding and lives. Information like this is useful to fishermen, naturalists, students and others. Well, now that the environment is receiving some of the attention it deserves, I think it's necessary that we understand the terms and concepts so that we can think, talk and do something about ecology.

Words like ecology, ecosystem, intertidal zone, littoral zone, pelagic zone, and others are frequently used on T.V., radio; in newspapers, and magazines. Unfortunately, politicians assign their own definitions to words and phrases (and don't tell anyone else what they really mean). Scientists are too busy working out the problems so they seldom have time to explain things to laymen like us. And the press and other media don't want to waste the air time or print to explain basics.

It all boils down to - - average citizens like us need a basic education in Ecology. We can't hope to save what is left of our environment without a basic understanding of the inter-relationships of ALL living things with their environment. We, and I mean all peoples of this world, have to know enough about the problem to realize how bad things really are and what can happen in the relatively near future. If we understand how dependent living things are on each other, I think most of us would gladly pay to clean up the environment and insure we don't tip the balance.

I hope that this series of articles will help you understand why Ecology is to important to each of us.

Let's start at the beginning.

Ecology is the study of the interrelationships between all living things and their environments. In other words, how living things help and are helped by their environment. So what is environment? Environment is everything that affects a living thing. Our environment is not only the earth, water, and weather; it also includes other people, trees, grass, lizards, smog, birds, bacteria, cars, viruses, - - in other words, almost everything. The same is true for other living things.

This biological organization of nature we call ecology is divided into four levels; population, community, ecosystem, and Bioshpere.

A population is made up of all organisms of a given species in a given location. In other words, all the goldfish in a pond, all the striped bass in Long Island Sound, all the summer flounder in Moriches Bay, all the Sassafras trees in Sayville, and so on. I'm sure you remember my referring to populations of fish in previous articles.

The next higher level, the community, consists of all the different species or populations in a given location that interact with each other as a self-maintaining unit. Some examples of a community are: 1) all the goldfish, frogs, snails, leeches, algae, bacteria, and lily pads in a pond, 2) all the grass, worms, grubs, moles, dandelions, trees, bacteria, ants, etc. in a lawn. Communities can vary in size from as small as a goldfish bowl with one fish and some grass to an entire ocean or continent. Generally, we consider communities to be in areas that have some type of boundary; for example, a pond, tidal pool, valley, a plain, a cove, a harbor, etc. It would be too difficult to study the interrelationships of a very large community, say, the whole continent. We would have to break it up and possibly study it as a group of smaller communities, river communities, lake communities, mountain communities, valley, shore, etc. Then we could more easily see the interrelationships in the continent. For our purposes, we must realize that a community can have as few as two populations and can exist in one square foot or 1000 square miles of area or anything inbetween that has either a boundary we determine for the purpose of studying it or has a natural boundary.

The third level is the ecosystem (an easy way of saying ecological system). The ecosystem consists of a living community and all the non-living things in the location or region occupied by the community. Non-living things (sand, rocks, minerals, water, air, pollutants of all types, buildings, and so on) play an extremely important role in the survival and continuation of a living community. Remember when you are considering the living things in a given area, you have a community. When you consider both living and non-living things, you are concerned with an ecosystem. By definition, an ecosystem must be self-sustaining to be successful. It must have a constant source of energy (food, light, air), it must be able to sue the energy, and it must be able to cycle elements between organisms and the environment. The

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most well known and dramatic example of cycling elements is the oxygen and carbon dioxide cycle - - animals give off carbon dioxide which plants use and plants give off oxygen which animals use.

The final level is the Biosphere which consists of all the ecosystems on earth. Very simply, the Biosphere includes all portions of the land, sea, or air that contain living organisms.

Because of our life style and technology, many ecosystems are just barely self-sustaining, and some are no longer able to sustain themselves. When this happens, populations start dying and we have endangered species like the bald eagle and others. We know what is happening but most of us don't know why or how it happens and how quickly it has and can continue to happen. This week I have only defined some terms and concepts. In the coming weeks I will describe major interrelationships in various ecosystems. I hope to give you enough information to begin to really understand the effects of dumping raw wastes in lakes, rivers, and oceans, poor management of natural resources, air pollution, pesticides, and in general how we, the species Homo sapians, has, does, and will continue to affect vertually every ecosystem in the biosphere.

Whether you are a conservation bug or not, this series of articles should prove interesting for both of us. You can use these articles to help you understand all the ecology talk or understand how fish or other animals live - - this can help your hunting and fishing also. If you are a biology student or professional ecologist bear with my simplified approach and let me know what you think at the end of this series of articles.

Till next time, good fishin'!

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Hudson River Report

Courtesy of the Hudson River Fishermen's Association

The striper fishing should be ready to get into high gear. All we need are a few warm days to get the water temperature up to the high forties and mid-fifties and the bass will be all over the river.

Typically, the oyster beds off Georges Island produce so consistently that many fishermen station themselves here each weekend. Also, the flats off Crawbuckie are a good striper and white perch area.

However, this year the experimenting anglers may be the ones to land the big fish.

Some of the possibilities are: (1) Deep jigging in the deeper waters from Denning Point to Stony Point. (2) Trolling wire line umbrella rigs off the drop-offs at the Peekskill marsh, Iona Island, Foundry Cove, Tellers Point and the area around the Tappan Zee bridge. (3) Drifting live herring off Nyack, Tellers Point, Peekskill, and Verplanck. (4) Trolling big plugs like Bob Pond's Atom Jr. and the Creek Pikie, the large Rebels and other similar swimmers that would resemble the herring. (5) Night fishing off Nyack, Crawbuckie, Tarrytown, Peekskill and West Point, retrieving Mee-Mee's, Rebels, and Rapalas very slowly.

There are other methods but the important thing to remember is that Hudson River fishing has been restricted to worms and bucktails by most of the fishermen. Surely other methods will have value - - it's just a matter of trying

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Late Report

PORT JEFFERSON

Capt. John Fischer, skipper of the "Betty W," reports that the weekend fishing was good. On Saturday, the N.Y. Transit Police and their wives were aboard. Dolores Burk was high hook and pool winner with a 1¾ lb. flounder. On Sunday, the Dry Harbor Fishing Club was aboard. John Evans was high hook and Bruce Taylor took the pool money. "We fished near Shoreham on both days and fishing was good, however, we had to work hard stirring the bottom and moving around to get the best results."

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Light Tackle

by GEORGE MERINGOLA, III

The author of Light Tackle, George Meringola, III, is 15 years old. We bring this to light for two reasons. First, he holds a knowledge of the sport that few so-called experienced fishermen have and secondly, we here at the L.I.F. would like to see more teenagers take an active interest in fishing and in writing about their experiences. ED.

It was the type of day a non-fisherman in his right mind would not be out. It was mid-morning, dark, overcast, with a slight rain falling. The place was Northport Town Dock. Object in mind, flounders. I had the whole dock to myself (a rare treat!). I had five in the bucket next to me. Then it came, a slight tap at first, then the line started moving toward the dock. I reeled in, slowly gathering slack. About five minutes after the initial strike, he surfaced. "He" was the largest weakfish I'd ever laid eyes on. He took off on a short but sizzling run. I never landed him for, as I found out, a much smaller weak took my flounder bait and the big weak took the smaller one, and in the end bit him in half. Tackle used, Zebco 777 reel, 6½' matched spinning rod, 6 lb. test, and a no. 10 trout hook. Sound like fun? You bet it is!! And you can have just as much fun by obtaining such a rig and following the simple instructions which follow.

In using light tackle for fishing the briny deep, you must have top-notch equipment, with smooth drags, fine lines, swivels, and quality end tackle. Good rigs for this type of fishing are the one previously mentioned and the Garcia Mitchell 510 and 508 style reels and matching rods.

I feel that 6 lb. test is great, although 8 lb. test might be better. Here you have a good rig, able to land a striper of 20 lbs. or better. When a flounder is caught on a rig such as this, he puts up a good fight.

Although these outfits are mostly calm water rigs, they can be a lot of fun when used in the surf. A striper or blue caught in the surf can give you the time of your life on such an outfit.

Lures are mostly favored, but don't get the impression bait cannot be used! When using lures, try sticking to spoons, jigs and underwater lures. Unless the water is flat, stay away from popping plugs. When the hit is felt, don't strike too hard or you might part the line. While using bait, the sandworm is my favorite, with clams running a close second. If, as is happening now, worms are becoming too expensive, don't be afraid to use the old standby, the garden worm. They will work well for flounders, weakies and eels, while the larger night crawlers are best for striped bass. You must change them often for the salt water tends to bleach them, thus turning white.

As far as lure and hook sizes go, use small lures. Up to 3" are fine. Hooks go according to the size of the fish, such as for flounder, which have a small mouth, a no. 10 trout hook will do fine, whereas stripers and weakies need a larger hook. Use just enough bait to cover the hook.

Light weight sinkers are used because the rod will not take heavy weights and the smallest bite can be felt. One method that has worked for me, mostly at Northport, is to cast out as far as your rig will and tighten the line so that there is no belly. Then lay your rod down and relax. When you see the line come slack, reel in. More often than not you will have a fish on it. One drawback is that a powerful fish might grab your bait and pull your rod in.

Many times the larger fish will be lost, but these are risks we must take in order to enjoy light tackle.

Once last summer I went out on my friend's boat trolling for blues with heavy boat rods, surge tubes, lures, spoons, the works. After five hours of trolling, with nothing to show but a low gas tank, we called it a day and started in to dock the boat. As we were coming in, we saw water fly to the side of the boat in a small cove. I broke out my one-handed spinning rig and a small spoon. Since it was the only light rig on board, we shared it. To my surprise it was a large school of weakfish and small blues. Within 15 minutes we had six weaks up to 6 lbs., 3 blues to 2 lbs. and enough for a good memory of the day. You say why didn't we use the trolling rods? Shame on you! What fun is that? Though it has been said many times, I will repeat it again, "As you go light, you go right!"

Sorry to have to say the family didn't get out this weekend to try our luck fro flounders. But husband did try out the boat and motor, and all works fine, so we are all set for next week. He did, however, manage to come home with clams and mussels. The mussels were the type used for bait. We steamed, dyed and salted them in hopes of hooking some of those flounders that are running.

The clams - well, some for tonights supper and the rest for baked, stuffed clams, which I freeze and like to have on hand as a hot canape. A few suggestions I have on opening clams are: make sure they are good and cold, and use a professional clam knife which is indispensable but cheap (about 35 to 50 cents). If you have a large quantity to open, take a pair of old leather gloves and just snip off the tips of the fingers and use them while doing this chore. Saves a lot of wear on the hands (sounds silly, but it works). Reserve the shells for stuffed clams.

CLAM FRITTERS

2 cups chopped, raw clams (save juice)
1 tablespoon minced parsley
Salt and pepper to taste
1 cup milk or combine ½ cup milk and ½ cup clam juice
1½ cups flour
1½ teaspoons baking powder
½ small onion minced (if desired)
1 egg beaten

Sift flour, baking powder, salt and pepper together. Combine egg, parsley, onion and clams to flour mixture, adding enough milk or milk and clam juice to make a thick batter. Drop by teaspoons into skillet with enough hot fat or oil to cover bottom (360F). Brown on both sides. Add more oil or fat as required. Drain fritters on either brown paper or absorbent towels. Arrange them on a warm platter. If necessary you can keep them warm in a heated oven until all are fried. Serve with tartar sauce, lemon wedges or ketchup. A side dish of cole slaw and sliced tomatoes goes well with this dish.

BAKED STUFFED CLAMS

1 to 2 cups chopped raw clams (drained)
1 teaspoon oregano
Salt & pepper
Bread crumbs
1 small green pepper minced
1 tablespoon parsley minced
Dash or two garlic powder (optional)
2 tablespoons melted butter

Combine all above ingredients except for bread crumbs and mix well. Then add enough bread crumbs so that mixture will hold its shape in the shells. If too thick, add some of the clam juice. Mix thoroughly and fill clam shells. Bake in oven at 350 F. until lightly brown on top. I usually bake till bubbly, then broil for a few minutes till browned.

Now, if you don't wish to serve them at this time, but sometime in the future, just get some ordinary paper plates and place 8 or 10 stuffed shells (depending on size of plate) UNBAKED on plates, cover with wax paper and freezer wrap each plate separately, labeling amount of shells in each and freeze. Whenever you want them, just remove the desired amount of stuffed clams and place in oven and bake as directed above.

In both these recipes I suggest chopped clams, but you can also grind or mince them. Again, depending on your taste. "Good digging."

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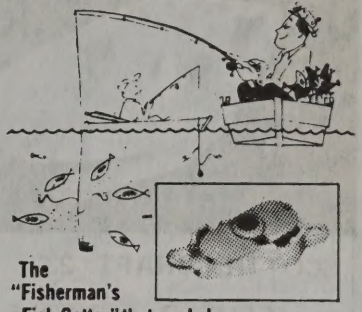

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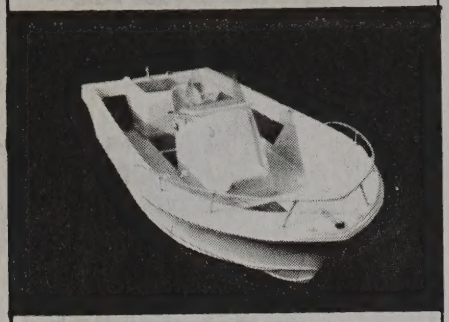

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North Shore Reports

CITY ISLAND

Jack Rumpf of Jack's Bait & Tackle reported that flounder fishing at Harts Island and the jetties of Orchard Beach is good. Flounders up to ¾'s of a pound are being caught on sandworms. Late last week, there were a few small stripers caught at Turtle Cove next to the golf range. Last Sunday, mackerel were spotted in our area, however, there were no reported catches. "We do have a small white whale roaming around. You're not seeing things; he's for real.

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COLD SPRING HARBOR

Les Fyfe of Vets Fishing Station reported that flounders are being caught at Sunken Meadow and Short Beach at a good pace. Flounders up to 1½ lbs. are being caught on worm baits. Last weekend, action was good at both places. A few shorts are now being caught at Sunken Meadow and the Nissequogue River; no keepers as of yet. Please note that stripers under 16 inches in size should be thrown back.

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BAYVILLE

Mike Pump of Pump's Fishing Station reported that flounders are not plentiful, however, they are running good in size. Flounders up to 1½ pounds are being caught at the Centre Island Reef. There have been no reported bass catches so far, but some mackerel have been roaming the Centre Island Reef area.

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PORT JEFFERSON

Charlie Caraftis of the Caraftis Fishing Station reported that flounders and more flounders are being caught at and along the Port Jefferson Harbor. This fishing is steady all day and the flatties are being taken on worms and mussel baits. Last Saturday, Frank Malverty, Jr. and Hugh Mallard, of Flushing, N.Y., fished the Rocky Point area. They drifted, using worms and mussels. Their day's catch totaled 30 flounders up to 2 lbs. A few stripers are now being caught at the old power house. This action is just getting underway. Only shorts were caught last week; no keepers as of yet.

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NEW SUFFOLK

Phil Loria of Captain Marty's Fishing Station reported that flounder fishing has dropped off to a slow pick. Boats are averaging up to 35 fish at Buoys 24 and 22 off of Nassau Point. Fish up to 1½ lbs. are being caught on mussel baits. Blackfish are starting to show at Buoy 24. The action is slow there, but as each day goes by, the action improves. There have been no reported striper catches.

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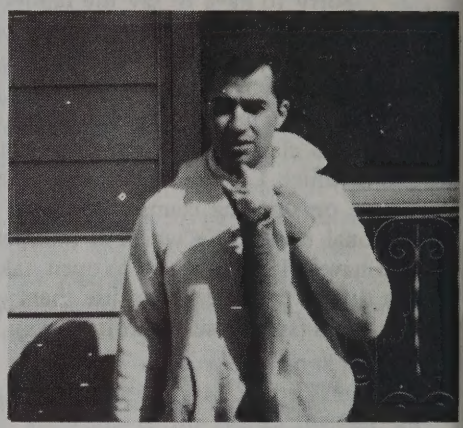

Louis Malandra of Central Islip caught this 3½ lb. brown trout on opening day of the trout season. Louis fished the Nissequogue River.

SOUTHOLD-ORIENT POINT

Bill Lieblein of the Port of Egypt Fishing Station reported that senior citizens will be charged half price during the season on Tuesdays and Thursdays at the Port of Egypt. This is something new for the season and we hope our senior anglers take full advantage of the offer. Flounder fishing is holding strong throughout this area. At Jessups Neck, Long Beach and between the breakwater and the town docks, flounders are being caught at a good pace. Last Saturday, Tony Loperfido, of Brooklyn, and George Dingfelder, of Manhattan, caught some 50 flounders at Long Beach on mussels. The fish went up to 1½ lbs. Dom DeSalvo and party, of Queens, caught some 63 flounders up to 2 lbs. They fished Crab Creek at Shelter Island. Jim White, of the Bronx, had the honor of catching the first Boston mackerel of the season, for this area. Ten other mackerel were caught last Sunday. Mackerel fishing looks good for this coming weekend. There have been no reported bass or blackfish catches locally. Alex Planzos, of Queens, caught 9 cod last week. Alex holds the cod honors for this area with cod ranging from 9 to 21 lbs. and which were caught at Rocky Point on the Sound at East Marion.

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Three members of the Huntington Anglers Club hold up some of the 25 flounders which they caught near the Greenport breakwater. Photo courtesy of the Port of Egypt Fishing Station.

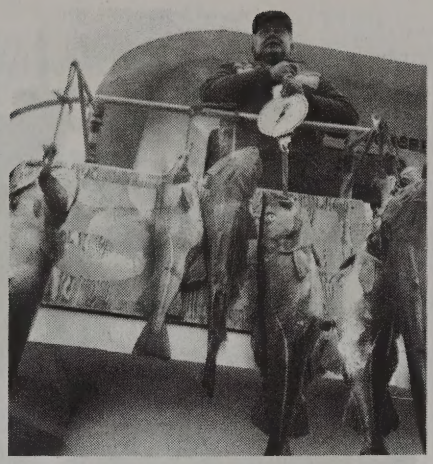

Photo shows Jalico Janey of the Bronx with his pool winning cod which tipped the scales at 36 lbs. Mr. Janey fished aboard the "Viking Star," out of Montauk.

John Starr, of Lynbrook, caught these fat flounders on a recent trip to Captree.

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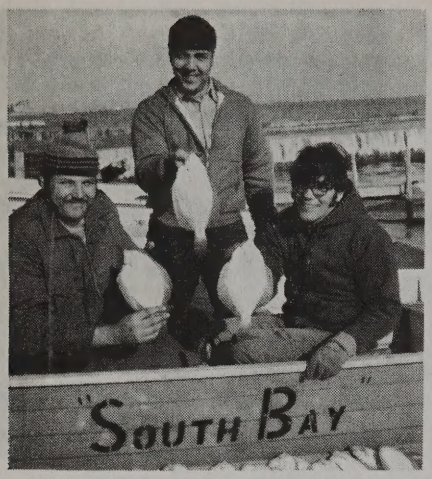

Photo shows (left to right) Conrad Karle, Ken Karle and Bob Ardelt, of the Bronx. They caught 45 flounders in Nicholls Bay using bloodworm baits. Photo courtesy of South Bay Fishing Station.

Photo shows (left to right) Douglas Roth, Sett Bruno, John Palmieri, Mike Toddeo, all from White Plains, N.Y. These happy anglers caught 71 flounders in Moriches. Photo courtesy of Skidmore's Fishing Station.

Bob Kuntz, of Kew Gardens, won t pool money on a recent tile fishing t to the Hudson Canyon. Bob's fish tipp the scales at 54½ lbs.

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Ling (Urophycis tenuis)
Marlin—Blue (Makaira nigricans)
Shark—Blue (Prionace glauca)
Shark—Porbeagle (Lamna nasus)
Common Bonito (Sarda sarda)
Tuna (Thunnus thynnus)

South Shore Reports

MONTAUK

Captain Paul Forsberg, skipper of the "Viking Star," reported that codfishing is excellent at the Southwest Ledge fishing grounds. On Saturday, 289 cod up to 25 lbs. were taken. On Sunday, 178 cod up to 25 lbs. were taken. These cod are running about 6 to 15 lbs. average. The "Viking Starlite" did very well with snowshoe flounders on Saturday. On Sunday, the fishing slowed due to heavy sea swells.

Capt. George Glas, skipper of the "Hel-Cat," reported that the codfishing was excellent on Sunday. "We had cod up to 18 lbs. and everyone caught enough to keep them happy. Snowshoe flounders are showing heavy. Some blackfish were caught also. We fished the Southwest Ledge."

On Saturday, Capt. Brad Glas had a diving club aboard. They anchored over the British freighter, Onondoga. She was sunk during World War I after hitting a reef while running from a German sub. The divers came up with dinner plates, shoes, and various other items that went down with the ship.

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Photo shows Ed Marino, of Montauk, with just two of the 42 cod taken at the Block Island fishing grounds. Photo courtesy of the "Peconic Queen II."

SHINNECOCK

Capt. Clark Bellows, Jr., skipper of the "Capt. Clark," reported that the flounder fishing in Shinnecock Bay is good. The Basket area has a good population of these fish. There is some excellent fishing in the new cut near the inlet. Worms and mussel are best in the bait department.

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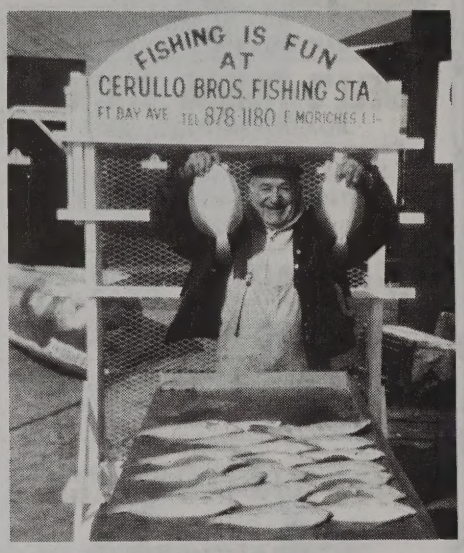

We only know him as 'Sam from Brooklyn.' Sam caught 25 flounders west of the Brown House in Moriches. Photo courtesy of Cerullo Bros. Fishing Station.

SAG HARBOR

Dan McLane of the Bayview Tackle & Bait reported that the flounder fishing was good this past weekend. John Kelly, of Brooklyn, caught 52 flounders at the South Ferry area on Saturday. Bob Kessler, of the Bronx, had 30 flounders fishing Buoy 4 at Cedar Point. On Sunday, the fishing was fair. Everyone had fish, but no great numbers. Worms, mussels and mussel chum is the best method to get these flounders. A few mackerel have been taken in the bay. Fishermen loaded up on mackerel around Promised Land.

Barbara Smith of the Noyac Marina reports the flounders are getting bigger every day. "We are loaded with flatties in the 2 lb. range." On Saturday, Bill DaCosta and Jim Ryan, of North Babylong, had a good catch of flounders at Jessups Neck. Most of their fish were in the 2 lb. class, the heaviest tipping the scales at 2 lbs. 5 ozs. On Sunday, Tony Outeiral and Bob Khouri, of Brooklyn, had 36 fat flounders up to 2 lbs. 7 ozs. These anglers fished Jessups Neck also.

Capt. Clark Bellows, skipper of the "Capt. Clark II," reported that the flounder fishing fell off this weekend. "We had some good catches off Promised Land on Thursday and Friday. The flounders in this area are of good size, with some running as high as 2 lbs. Mussels and worms are still the fisherman's best baits."

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HAMPTON BAYS

Ted DeCastri of the Three Aces Fishing Center reported that flounder fishing is good in Shinnecock Bay. The Basket area seems to be the best area. There is fair flounder fishing in Peconic Bay. The flounders are taking worm and mussel baits and average ¾'s to 1 lb. in weight. Striped bass have been taken by surfcasters, but all have been shorts. Offshore commercial draggers have been picking up some fluke. One gill netter in the bay caught over 200 lbs. of weakfish.

MORICHES

Al Lassen of the Hi Way Fishing Station reported that the flounder fishing is spotty locally. The fishing is very good to the east, from Buoy 43 on. Flounders up to 2 pounds are being caught there on bloodworm baits.

Bob Seifert of the Silly Lily Fishing Station reported the flounder fishing was very good over the weekend. The late afternoon was best on an incoming tide. The best area is Harts Cove near the Coast Guard Station and Haven Point. Worms and mussel chum are best in the bait department. Chumming with mussel is a must, said Bob.

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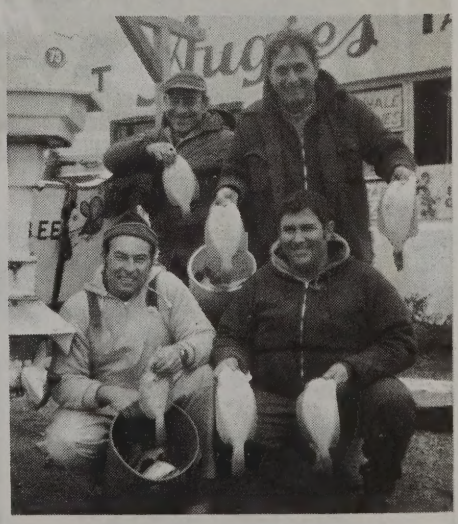

This photo shows four members of the Babylon Tuna Club with their catch of 60 flounders made off of Heckscher State Park. (Left to right - top): Joe Belitsky, Nick Zigo; (L to R - bottom): No name Joe and Gabby Ciuffo. Photo courtesy of Aguie's Bait & Tackle.

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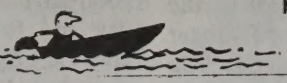

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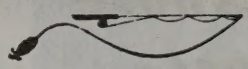

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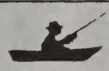

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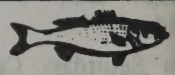

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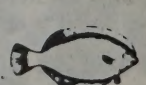

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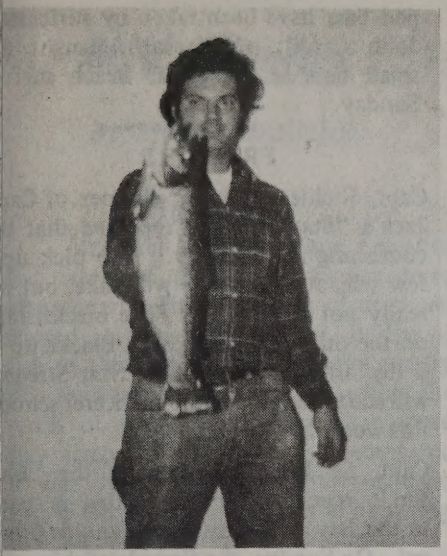

Joe Henthorne caught this 3 lb. 10 oz. brown trout in the Connetquot River in Oakdale. Joe wanted to enter his fish in our L.I.F. Contest, however, only salt-water species are accepted. Sorry, Joe.

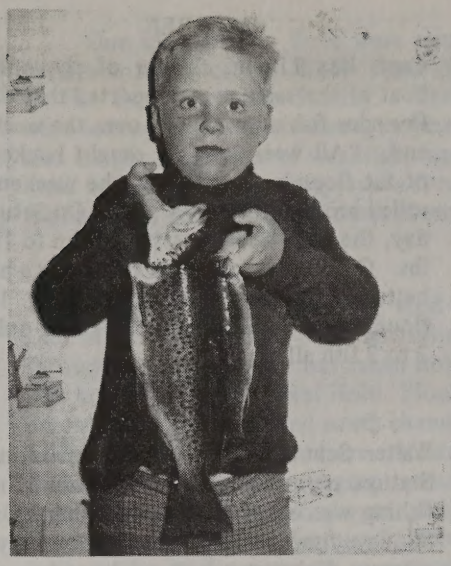

Photo shows 6-year-old Ed Beck of Huntington holding the two trout he caught while fishing with his father in the Nissequogue River. The big one weighed in at 2½ lbs. and was taken on a shiner.

Photo shows Mr. Grumwaldt and son with about 40 good sized flounders. They fished east of the drawbridge in Seaford. Photo courtesy of Dell's Fishing Station.

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MASTIC

Gary Stiriz of Stiriz's Fishing Station reported that on Sunday the fishing was good. Some boats returned to the docks with 50 to 60 flounders, weighing up to 2½ lbs. All the action is at Buoy 17 near the Smithpoint Bridge. Bloodworms are the best bait.

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SAYVILLE

Dennis Masterson of the South Bay Fishing Station reported that on Saturday, the fishing was a bust due to the weather. On Sunday, fishing was good. Fishermen that went out later in the mornings did better than the early birds. All the flounders are in the ½ to 2 lb. range. Bloodworms, mussels and clams are all effective in the bait department. Eels up to 2 ft. in length have been caught also. High hook on Saturday was William Lachick and son Bill, Jr., of Queens. These anglers had 105 flounders using worms and mussel baits. All the action is taking place north of Buoy 29 near the mouth of Nichols Bay.

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The flounder fishing in Shinnecock Bay is still excellent as this photo shows. Photo courtesy of Tony's Fishing Station.

CAPTREE

Capt. Ben Litwin, skipper of the open boat of the same name, reported that the flounder fishing was poor over the weekend. "All week long we caught buckets of fat flounders, and when the weekend rolled around, they were gone. On Saturday, the high hook was 10 fish up to 1¼ lbs. On Sunday, the high hook was a bit better, with a few anglers getting 15 flounders. Some of my fares had only 2 to 3 fish all day."

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BABYLON

Walter Schmidt of the Babylon Fishing Station reported that on Saturday the fishing was off due to the weather. On Sunday, fishing was good just about anywhere. Fishermen had good catches at the clam flats and in front of Good Sam Hospital. Fishermen heading for the artificial reef off of Fire Island are getting cod and blackfish. Mackerel have been taken in the pound nets off of Fire Island.

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LINDENHURST

John Schaefer of Charlie's Bait & Tackle reported flounder fishing remains the fisherman's best bet. There is some excellent flounder fishing in the Babylon Cut. Carl Chist, of Lindenhurst, caught 75 good sized flounders in this area on Sunday.

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SEAFORD

Dell's Fishing Station reported that everybody is catching flounders. On Saturday, Ken Devens and sister Lorraine had 34 keepers from 1 lb. to 1½ lbs. fishing between the 1st and 2nd bridges. Kenny Smelcer and John Starkie caught 50 good sized flatties east of the drawbridge. These anglers used bloodworm baits.

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WANTAGH

Frank Hecker of the Causeway Bait & Tackle reported that the flounder fishing is good just about everywhere. "Anyone who goes out for them, gets them." Striped bass have been taken by surfcasters. John Caroll, of Wantagh, caught two small bass at the Cedar Beach surf on Sunday.

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FREEPORT

Capt. Richie Kessinger, skipper of Capt. Jack's "Star Stream," reported that the codfishing is very slow. "We pick up a few cod at every stop we make, but it's really not worthwhile. The blackfishing on the other hand is good. Blacks up to 7 lbs. are common. The "Star Stream" will start heading for the mackerel schools this week."

Capt. Sy Karlin, skipper of the "Blue Fin," reports flounder fishing is good in the Bay of Fundy and Reynolds Channel. On Sunday, the flounder fishing was best in the early morning at the Bay of Fundy. Reynolds Channel has been a steady producer all week. Fishermen are getting their best catches by chumming with mussels and corn and by using bloodworms on their hooks.

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POINT LOOKOUT

Capt. Henry Thorschmidt, skipper of the "Blue Albatross II," reported that the flounders are still hitting at the State Channel between Zach's Bay and Gilgo Beach. Weekend anglers found enough action with these flatties to keep them happy. Capt. Thorschmidt said he will be going for mackerel starting this week.

The "Angler II" will begin to sail for mackerel at 7 A.M. daily beginning this Saturday.

Marilyn Wardle of Ed's Fishing Station reported that the flounder fishing is spotty. Some anglers return to the dock with 70 and 80 fish while others only have 15 to 20. Mackerel were caught over the weekend. Gary Valenti caught 6 mackerel at the mouth of the inlet on Sunday.

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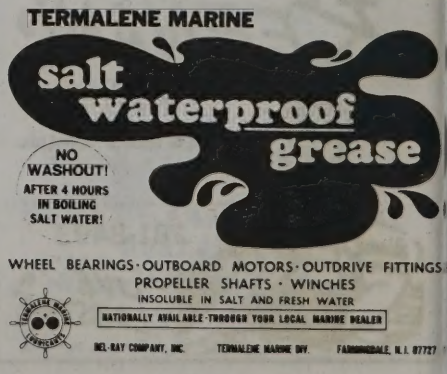
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MACKEREL

Mackerel fishing became a reality last weekend for Jersey anglers from Manasquan. The spring run of mackerel started at Manasquan Ridge. Bodies of fish in this area are on the move and by this weekend, mackerel will be within the reach of party boats from Sheepshead Bay across to Manasquan. As compared to last year, the mackerel are on time, and if the weather continues to be spring-like, we're in.

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ATLANTIC BEACH

Leon Miller of Henning's Fishing Station reported that flounder fishing was off, and to some extent, poor last weekend. There were a few reported catches that were good, but fishermen had to work hard for their catch. Dom Musco, Phil Bellamino, of Richmond Hill, and Joe Appugliese, of Bellmore, fished by Byoy 5 of Renolds Channel last Sunday. There they caught some 45 flounders up to 1½ lbs. and threw back a few. The fish were taken on mussel and worm baits. The only steady flounder fisherman around here is Aaron Goldfeder of Arverne. He's an exterminator by trade, but by Beach 20th Street of Rockaway he's been exterminating flounders at a good pace all last week. Matter of fact, Aaron has been top flounder fisherman for our area.

Last weekend the Atlantic Beach Rod & Gun Club held its flounder tournament for its members. They certainly picked a good weekend for it as last Saturday, the winners were produced by heavy rains. To make things worse, two members tied for first place. Larry Kravitz and John Feeney tied for first place with identical 1 lb. 1 oz. fish. Well, get the saw; they'll have to cut the trophy in half.

Pat McAulliff, of Island Park, caught the only cod for the area last week. Pat fished ¾'s of a mile south of the E.R. Buoy of the East Rockaway Inlet last Tuesday and Friday. He caught 7 cod per trip and lost a few also. He boated cod from 4 to 8 pounds.

One special note, there were some netters working off of Beach 62nd St. of Far Rockaway last Sunday. They were seeking out bunkers there, but they also caught a mixture of weakfish, mackerel and a few shorts (stripers) in forty foot of water. Something to think about?

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JAMAICA BAY

John Brando of Cross Bay Rod & Gun Shop reported that flounder fishing throughout Jamaica Bay has taken hold. The hotspot is still at Silver Hole. Flounder fishing at the north and south channel bridges is fair and anglers are catching their share. Flounders averaging a pound are being caught on bloodworm baits. Last weekend, Sunny St. Smour of Ozone Park caught 13 flounders up to a pound while fishing at the South Channel bridge.

Striper fishing has started at Jamaica Bay, as bass up to two pounds are being caught here and there. Tony Pietrantonio, of Queens, caught the first reported bass catch of the season for our area. Tony's catch was on the North Channel bridge while he was flounder fishing after dusk. The 16 inch bass hit his bloodworm flounder bait.

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SHEEPSHEAD BAY

George Gnad of the Bay End Dock reported that flounder fishing off of Manhattan Beach and Rockaway Jetty is fair. At both locations, flounders up to 1½ lbs. are being caught on worms and mussel baits. Izzy Weiner, of Brooklyn, caught some two dozen flounders up to 1½ lbs. while fishing off Manhattan Beach last Sunday. There have been no reported bass catches yet.

This week the "Double SS" will be back in action. It left the shipyard this past Tuesday. Our first trip will be for mackerel near or about the Manasquan Ridge. We'll be sailing from Little Egg Inlet of New Jersey on our return trip to Gerritsen Beach. By this weekend, most of the party boats from Sheepshead Bay will start fishing for mackerel. By next week's issue of the L.I.F., up-to-date reports on mackerel will be available.

Whiting and ling fishing at Ambrose Tower and 17 Fathoms is holding on. There is a new addition to the story this week. A few party boats reported that a mackerel was caught here and there as anglers fished the bottom for whiting. The best part about the scattered mackerel catches was the excitement it drew, knowing that the main schools are located towards the south.

Capt. Charlie Locurto of the "Tone B" called to report that whiting and ling fishing at Ambrose Tower was fair last Sunday. The fishing there was steady all day. By this weekend, Capt. Locurto expects the "Tone B" to be mackerel fishing.

Tile fish, tile fish, and more tile fish are to be caught at the Hudson Canyon. One every trip to the Canyon this season, numbers of fish up to 56 lbs. have been caught by the "Tampa IV" and the "Ranger IV" of Sheepshead Bay. Last Saturday night's trips by the Ranger IV and the Tampa IV were cancelled due to poor offshore weather conditions. They tried, but were forced back home. Last Friday night, the Tampa IV chalked up another excellent tile fish trip, as anglers averaged from 2 to 7 fish per man with the fish averaging from 4 to 45 lbs. in size. The Tampa IV has future tile fish dates scheduled; call for information. The Tampa IV will now be sailing daily for mackerel.

Blackfish are starting to move in locally from offshore wrecks. The blacks are beginning to be caught off of bridges and rock jetties. The action isn't the greatest, but it's a start. Up until now, the only action took place along offshore wrecks. The largest blackfish caught this season was taken by Mike Wallin of Brooklyn. Mike's fish hit the scales at Stella Maris Fishing Station at 8 lbs. 10 ozs. Mike Wallin's fish was entered in the L.I.F. Record Book and Fishing Contest. So far it looks like Mike's a winner.

Late report: With the cancellation of last Saturday night's tile fish trip to the Hudson Canyon, the Ranger IV of Sheepshead Bay sailed to Manasquan Ridge and caught mackerel at a good place. Anglers got a preview of what's to come for the next few weeks, "mackerel."

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STATEN ISLAND

Lenny Killoran of Santo's Sport Shop reported that stripers up to 16 lbs. are now active off the beach at Great Kills Park. Fishing is consistent with the best action coming during the incoming tide. Worm baits are working best as bass

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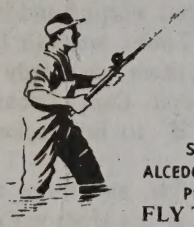

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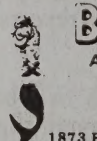

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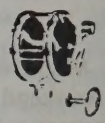

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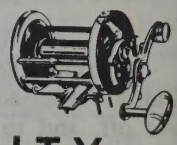

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haven't started to hit lures yet. Last week, Ed Rice of Staten Island bagged a 7 pounder and a few shorts on worms at Great Kills Park. Jim Hallifan of Staten Island caught a nine pounder and a few shorts at the same area. Don Colvin tried the same area and caught two 4 pounders for supper. It looks like the season is off to a decent start. The flounder fishing remains fair around most parts of Staten Island. Even a few white perch are starting to be caught here and there.

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SANDY HOOK

Armand of Giglio's Bait & Tackle reported that bass fishing has taken hold along the Shrewsbury River. Stripers up to 8 lbs. are now being taken on worm baits. At Sandy Hook and surf areas, schoolie size bass are being caught by boats drifting worms. Action is just getting started there and the fishing is on the slow side, however, it's a start.

Flounder fishing throughout this area is very good at the present time. At Sandy Hook State Park and the Shrewsbury River and bulkheads, flounder fishing has developed into excellent fishing. Anglers are catching a mess of fish on worm baits.

Capt. Bunt of the "Sea Horse" called to report that ling and whiting fishing was off last weekend. They had to move about in order to catch fish. Last Sunday, they fished the Cedars, Ambrose Tower, and the Scotland Buoy. Combining all three places, anglers averaged from 5 to 15 fish per man. The best part about the day's fishing was the six mackerel caught on jigs. They averaged

CONNECTICUT SCENE

BY DICK ALLEY

from 1½ to 2 lbs. in size. "It looks like we'll be mackerel fishing this week."

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SHARK RIVER

Capt. Al Shinn of the "Miss Belmar" called to report that they started mackerel fishing last Friday. Since that time, they have loaded up on mackerel up to 2 lbs. daily. Anglers are averaging up to and over a ½ sack of macks per man. At the present time, mackerel are located from the Farms on south to the Manasquan Ridge. "We've been fishing at the Manasquan Ridge, where the main body of mackerel is presently located."

Striper fishing has started locally at the inlet, beach and rock jetty surf areas. So far, school size bass are being taken by surf casters and boats drifting worms. Only a few fish have been taken; it's only the start. Flounder fishing at the inlet, sea wall and bay areas is holding strong.

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MANASQUAN

Harry Conrade of Gate's Bait & Tackle reported that mackerel are in solid offshore at the Manasquan Ridge. Anglers are catching mackerel up to 2 lbs. at a good pace. Party boats fishing there last weekend produced good catches of fish. The run started last Friday, just like last year.

At Seaside Park, school size bass are now being caught off the beach. Surf fishermen are catching a few. Worm baits are producing fish; it's a bit early for lures. Stripers are now active at the Manasquan Canal. Bass can be seen breaking water there during tide changes. It will be a couple of weeks before the larger bass begin to show.

Flounder fishing remains good most everywhere, as anglers are catching a good amount of fish. At the present time your best bet is at the Manasquan River. Flounders up to I½ lbs. are being caught at a good pace on worms in this area.

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MAMARONECK

Flounder by the bucketfull, and all the youngsters are having a ball, and I could read Fred Archers smile through the telephone wires. Flats are plentiful in Westchester, but Fred was even happier watching the kids have a good time. He also made a prediction. Seems the Bergalls are beginning to show, a sure sign the blackfish will follow in a few days.

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GREENWICH

Everybody's smiling. Stripers have finally moved into Greenwich Cove, and Doug is happy at the Sportsman's Den. Who else but Mike The Tailor would be the first to score from the surf, and he did it in good style, with a 12 pounder. A bucktail-bobber combination paid off. Norm Stroble chose my old favorite, the Alou elver and picked up an eight pounder, and Rudy Biaggi bucktailed a ten pound fish. Bill Wright also scored with a five pounder. Flounder are hitting well, and while Doug reports a lot of postage stamps, enough pan-size fish are available to make it worthwhile. Her ring finally came in strong by the Post Rd. bridge. Trout season bombed out in this area for opening day, but Doug called later to report a 16½ inch beauty caught by Larry Fones,—13, on a night crawler.

We called John Minnitti aboard the Delmar, and he reported excellent trips for flounder to Oyster Bay and other areas. John will be one of the first Schaefer party boats in the Conn. area.

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STAMFORD

While flounder still are the big doin's at Pat's Marina, Chris Chirillo backed up Fred Archer's prediction with reports of blackfish in some of the lobster pots. The flounder are good size.

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DARIEN

Roy DeMague was holding down the shop for Bert Van Sciver, and passed on some reports of excellent flounder fishing at Hickory Bluff. He'd also heard another one of those mackerel rumors, this one at Cable & Anchor Reef, with the fish way donw deep, but hastened to add that no one has seen any yet. One of these days we'll all be mackerel fishing.

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NORWALK

Big flats in Norwalk. Vin Mola weighed in a pair, caught by "Chappy" off Calf Pasture Pier. One scaled a pound and a half and the other, two pounds. Course, it still doesn't compare with Vin's catch at Quincy again this week. 400 flats, the largest weighing two and a half pounds, is quite a catch.

At Four Winds, Bob Utz tells us of Cal Ericson, who was fishing alone in his boat off Cockenoe Island, and brought in a quarter bushel of flounder, averaging a pound and a half. Many of his customers are also scoring well off Calf Pasture Pier.

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WESTPORT

Joe Saviano was manning the store, and reported a bonus run of frostfish invaded the Saugatuck River on Wednesday, with fishermen loading up on them in addition to some nice flounder.

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BRIDGEPORT

Bob Zam Pidri also had good reports on the current flounder run. Biggest fish brought into his store, Bob's Bait, was a pound fifteen ounces, caught by Bridgeporter Collie Imre. Several members of the Bridgeport Boat Owners reportedly picked up some mackerel by the red can at Middleground.

Steve Seman, skipper of the Hurricane out of Bridgeport, has made some trips to Wading River for flats, and reports some excellent catches as far as size is concerned, and a good pick-up in quantity with the warming weather.

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NEW HAVEN

The Thames River is a current striped bass hotspot. Walt Janeczek reports many anglers traveling there. Joe Aceto and Chuck Willard reportedly took a nights catch of 15 fish up to 17 pounds. Largest fish recorded at the spot so far, is a 32 pounder, with all of the action on sandworms and squid. The action takes place at the powerhouse in Norwich. It should get even better when the bunkers show up.

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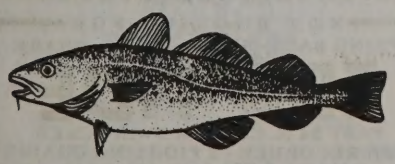

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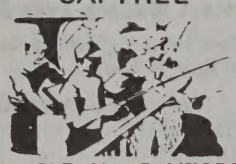
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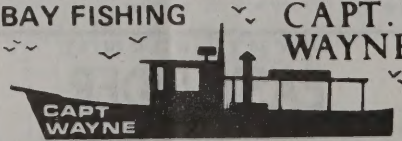

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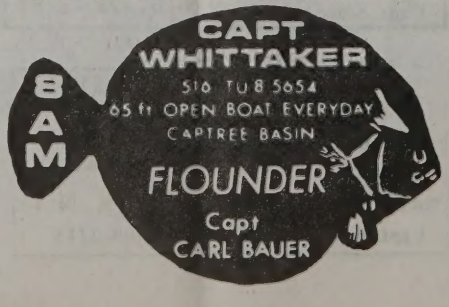

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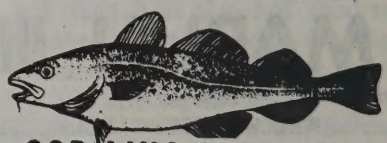
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Connecticut Scene

John McCready had some excellent flounder fishing at Woodmont near the Villa Rosa.

That Fred Archer must be pretty sharp. Walt reported the first blacks on sandworms caught in New Haven waters.

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RYE

A check with Charlie Ferris at the Milton Point Tackle Shop showed flounder stealing the fishing show in that location too. Last Sunday was a good day, with many keepers, keeping the fishermen happy.

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MORE ON PARTY BOATS

Ed Brower, who skippers the "Dolphin" out of Bridgeport, reported a good weekend, followed by an excellent midweek trip. Ed reports better catches on the Connecticut side than at Wading River at this writing. The mussel beds off Lordship are hot, a sure sign that the fish are beginning to move. Penfield Reef is another dynamite spot for some bigger fish.

Tom Duscio, Captain of the "Theresa L" out of Norwalk, is sure the only factor holding up fantastic fishing reports is the weather. On Thursday, Tom returned with some wet but happy customers with better than a dozen big flats apiece. He's found a new fishing area around the Norwalk Islands, and it's producing some good ones.

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BRIDGEPORT

We close with a report from the Marine Sport Center in Bridgeport, where Ted backed up the good flounder fishing everywhere else with a story of a catch by Franny Vitale. He picked up 18 good sized flats on Sunday. We didn't have the name, but another angler weighed in a flat better than 3 pounds at the Port Five Club in Bridgeport. It's starting to happen.

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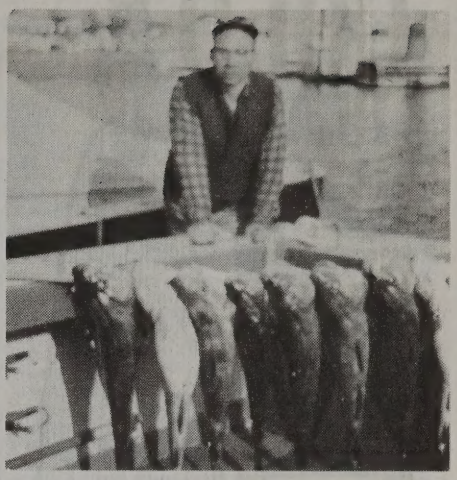

Bob Palliser, of Brooklyn, stands behind eight cod from 12 to 17 pounds. His brother and fishing partner Al Palliser snapped this photo. All of their fish were caught at Scallop Ridge on 4/12/72. The best action took place at the change of tides and slack water.

Photo shows Don and Tom Kilfeather, of Babylon. These anglers caught 75 flounders on bloodworms at Bergen Point in West Babylon. Photo courtesy of Charlie's Fishing Station.

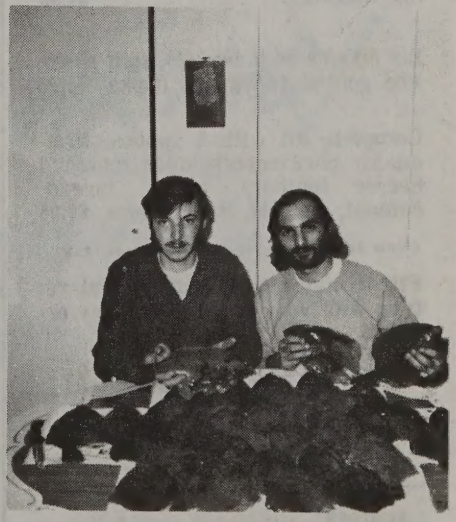

Photo shows Chris Smedman (left) and Bob Owin of Kingston, N.Y. They sailed aboard the "Sanco II" out of Captree and caught over 25 flounders.

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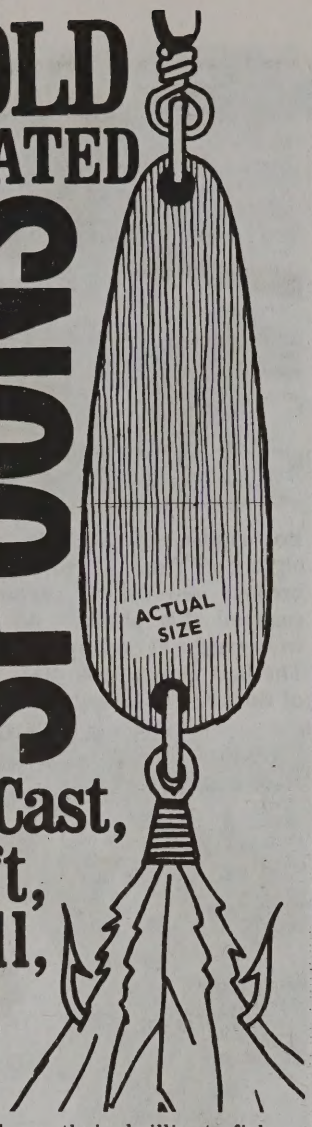

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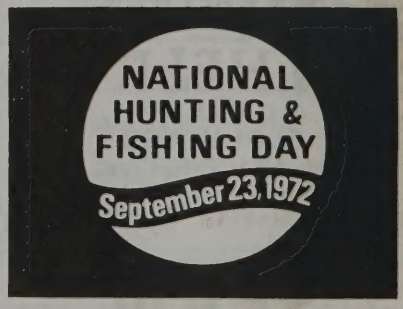

TIDES: SOUTH SHORE
SANDY HOOK STATION

DAY	A.M.	P.M.
Thur.		
Fri.	6:53	7:13
Sat.	7:30	7:46
Sun.	8:05	8:20
Mon.	8:39	8:55
Tues.	9:16	9:32
Wed.	9:54	10:09
Thur.	10:38	10:54
	11:30	11:45

	H.	M.
MANASQUAN	-0	12
STATEN ISLAND	+0	07
ROCKAWAY INLET	0	00
Bergen Beach	+0	29
J.F.K. Airport	+0	26
EAST ROCKAWAY INLET	-0	06
Long Beach Bridge	+0	19
JONES INLET	-0	19
Loop Pkwy. Bridge	+0	25
Zachs Bay	+1	25
Gilgo Island	+2	25
Seaford Harbor	+2	05
FIRE ISLAND INLET	-0	38
West Great South Bay	+2	10
Heckscher State Park	+3	20
East Great South Bay	+3	44
MORICHES INLET	-0	56
Smiths Point	+3	28
Harts Cove	+1	30
Potuak Point	+3	35
SHINNECOCK INLET	-0	50
East Quogue	+2	45
Shinnecock Canal	+1	18
Indian Reservation	+3	05

TIDES: L.I. SOUND
WILLETS POINT STATION

DAY	A.M.	P.M.
Thur.		
Fri.	11:07	11:06
Sat.	11:32	11:22
Sun.	11:46	11:41
Mon.	12:08	------
Tues.	12:12	12:39
Wed.	12:51	1:19
Thur.	1:32	2:00
	2:17	2:49

	H.	M.
Little Neck Bay	-0	10
Execution Light	-0	06
Manhasset Bay	-0	01
Hempstead Harbor	-0	11
City Island	-0	03
Rye Beach	-0	28

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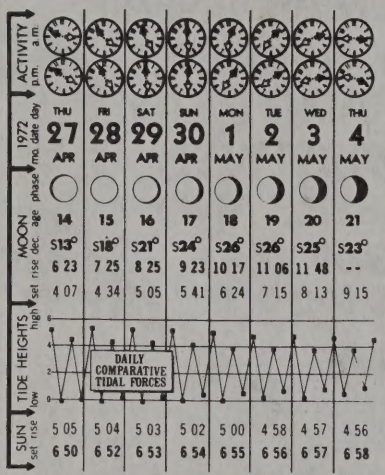
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S13° S18° S21° S24° S26° S26° S25° S23°
rise 6 23 7 25 8 25 9 23 10 17 11 06 11 48 --
set 4 07 4 34 5 05 5 41 6 24 7 15 8 13 9 15
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DAILY COMPARATIVE TIDAL FORCES
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set 6 50 6 52 6 53 6 54 6 55 6 56 6 57 6 58

STANDARD TIME: Bold Face is P.M.; Light Face is A.M.

The Moon in May

Farthest South -May 1, 10:00 p.m.
Last Quarter-May 6, 7:26 a.m.
Moon on the Equator-May 8, 8:00 p.m.
Moon in Perigee-May 12, 11:59 a.m.
New Moon-May 12, 11:08 p.m.
Farthest North -May 14, 8:00 p.m.
First Quarter-May 19, 8:16 p.m.
Moon on the Equator-May 21, 2:00 p.m.
Moon in Apogee-May 25, 10:00 a.m.
Full Moon-May 27, 11:28 p.m.
Farthest South -May 29, 3:00 a.m.

ADD 6 HOURS FOR LOW TIDE

TIDES: L.I. SOUND
BRIDGEPORT STATION

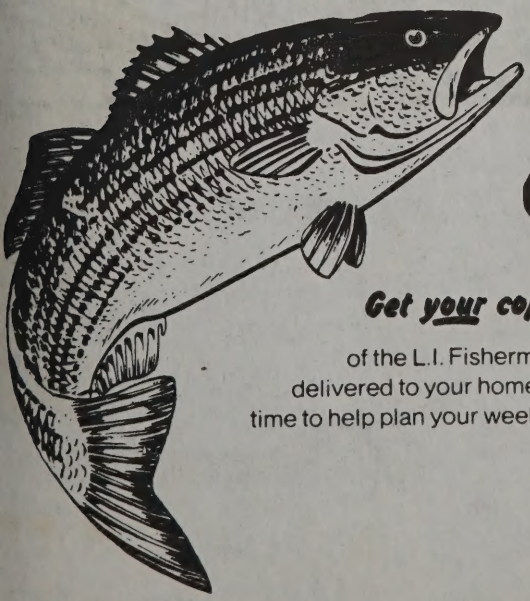
DAY	A.M.	P.M.
Thur.	10:29	10:38
Fri.	11:05	11:15
Sat.	11:43	11:52
Sun.	12:23	------
Mon.	12:29	1:02
Tues.	1:10	1:45
Wed.	1:53	2:31
Thur.	2:40	3:19

	H.	M.
Lloyd Point	+0	08
Cold Spring Harbor	+0	08
Bayville Bridge	+0	13
Eatons Neck Point	+0	03
Northport Bay	+0	03
Norwalk Islands	+0	10
Smithtown Bay	-0	03
Cranes Neck Point	+0	05
Port Jeff Harbor	+0	03
New Haven Harbor	-0	08
Mount Sinai Harbor	+0	08
Herod Point	-0	07
Mattituck Inlet	+0	19
Horton Point	-0	20
Truman Beach	-0	42

TIDES: B.I. SOUND
NEW LONDON STATION

DAY	A.M.	P.M.
Thur.	8:36	8:45
Fri.	9:12	9:17
Sat.	9:47	9:52
Sun.	10:24	10:27
Mon.	11:05	11:06
Tues.	11:46	11:46
Wed.	12:35	------
Thur.	12:33	1:26

	H.	M.
Orient Point	+0	27
Connecticut River	+1	10
Little Gull Island (Race)	+0	12
Greenport	+1	04
Southold	+1	43
New Suffolk	+2	26
South Jamesport	+2	32
Shinnecock Canal	+2	33
Noyack Bay	+2	05
Sag Harbor	+0	59
Gardiners Bay	+0	21
Promised Land (Napeague)	-0	14
Fort Pond Bay	-0	29
Montauk Inlet	-0	25
Montauk Point	-1	13



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